

**Agency: Department of Health and Social Services****Project Title:**

# Fairbanks Youth Facility - Climbing Wall

**State Funding Requested: \$ 10,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: 10 - E****Brief Project Description:**

Installation of a climbing wall for the correctional facility gymnasium.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$10,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Fairbanks Youth Facility is in need of exercise equipment to promote better health and wellness for the kids who reside in the facility. Installing a climbing wall would allow the kids to learn valuable life skills while promoting health and wellness. The funding would be used to purchase, ship, and install a climbing wall for the kids to use. Full funding would guarantee that a good quality wall could be purchased for the facility.

**Project Timeline:**

The expenditures are expected to occur in FY09.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Grant Recipient

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Dear Rep. Ramras:


I appreciate your generous offer to try and include something for the kids that have to call the Fairbanks Youth Facility their temporary "home". Per our recent conversation, you are absolutely correct in your assessment that many of these kids are quite talented and may one day develop into leaders of this State if given the proper guidance.

Approximately three months ago, 6 of the youth on the long-term unit did a school presentation on "holistic health" in which they spoke of the benefits of exercise and good nutrition. Based on that presentation, I think it would be very appropriate to provide some exercise equipment for the kids to use. It would really be great to get a "climbing wall" installed in the gymnasium as this would allow the kids to learn some valuable life skills while promoting health and wellness. I believe a quality "wall" could be purchased for around \$10,000.00 including shipping and installation. However, we would be very appreciative of any contribution that came our way.

I hope that you will take the time to visit the Facility this summer and see how the kids are progressing; you could also get a better understanding of the needs in the area of educational space/classroom size.

We appreciate the job that you are doing for Alaska and especially for Fairbanks and we hope that you are successful in securing some funding for exercise equipment for the kids this session.

Thank you in advance for your stellar efforts. Please call me at 451-2194 if you need any more information.

  
Bernard Gatewood, Superintendent  
Fairbanks Youth Facility